converted during the last three years, including 1988-89, is as under;

Year	Km. proposed to be Converted	Km. actually Converted
1986-87 . . .	Nil	—
1987-88 . . .	178 Km N Railway 51 Km N E Railway	Nil
1988-89 . . .	27 Km N E Railway	178 Km N Railway 78 Km N E Railway

Suratgarh-Bikaner, (178 km) proposed to be oconverted in 1987-88 on Northern Railway, was completed in all respects and opened in April, 1988. Moradabad-Kashipur (51 km) on N.E. Railway, proposed to be converted in 1987-88, could not be opened due to public agitation, on which it was decided to convert and open the entire section Moradabad-Ramnagar (78 Km) at one time. This was opened in June, 1988.

Expenditure incurred on Prime Minister's foreign tours

2268. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of expenditure incurred each time on account of the Prime Minister's tours to foreign countries during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) what is the foreign exchange component in each of the amount of the expenditure; and

(c) the names of the Journalists who accompanied the Prime Minister during each trip separately, and the paper or agency that each one of them represented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exclusion of Punjabi from the three language formula by CBSE

2269. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has not included Punjabi as the third language in schools of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether there is a great resentment amongst the Punjabi community for not including Punjabi as the third language by CBSE;

(c) whether Government propose to unity for not including Punjabi as third language in schools in Delhi; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) There is provision for taking Punjabi as one of the pthree languages under the Central Board of Secondary Education's new scheme of studies. Selection of the third language from out of the modern Indian languages is left to the Schools/Delhi Administration/ Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Rodent menace at Indira Gandhi International Airport

2270. SHRI RAOOF VALDULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Airlines and other agencies working at terminal II of Indira Gandhi International Airport have lodged strong protest against rodent menace for causing excessive damage to sophisticated and costly equipment; if so, what is the extent of damage caused and what remedial measures have been taken;

(b) whether the Airlines Operating Committee in its meeting held in August, 1988, had observed that the false ceiling, administrative block restaurant and transit area are full of rats and whether any violation notices have been issued and penalaties imposed; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that unhygeinic conditions exist at the snack bar; if so, what action has been taken against the staff; and

(d) whether the matter has been brought to the notice of the Chairman, IAAI; if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. No extensive damage has, however, been reported on account of rodent menace. Periodic inspections of sites has been organised by IAAI for devising suitable measures to deal with the problem.

(b) The A.O.C. had referred to this problem in their meeting held in August, 1988. Although no penalties have been imposed on this account, the agencies concerned have been suitably advised about the measures to be taken to reduce the menace.

(c) Yes, Sir, Notice for termination of contract has been issued to the agency running the snack bar.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Airport Director, I.G.I. Airport has been directed to take remedial measures.

Renaming of the Maniyatchi Railway Station as Vanchi Maniyachi

2271. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had announced recently in a public meeting at Tenkasi that the Maniyatchi Railway Station will henceforth named as Vanchi Maniyachi; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in making the necessary official announcement and alterations by the Ministry of Railways at the concerned Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A notification regarding change in name has already been issued by Southern Railway on 26-10-1988.

Suspension of a pilot by M.D. of Vapudoot

2272. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: whether it is a fact that a pilot was suspended for three days in June, 1988 by the M.D. of Vayudoot for refusing to ferry a Dornier aircraft from Bombay to New Delhi with three vital flight navigational instruments being inoperative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): No, Sir.

2273. [*Transferred to the 1st December, 1988*].

Averting the crash of Air bus of Indian Airlines

2274. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report